

WORK IN ALL BRANCHES OF THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Few Consular Vacancies—Secretary Moody's Confidential Clerk—Wily Smugler's Trick Exposed—Interest in Bill for New Department.
New Surveys in Porto Rico—Other Notes.

STATE DEPARTMENT.

Much gratification exists at the State Department that there are so few vacancies in the consular service of the United States. At present, State Department officials say, there are only two vacancies—one in Mexico and one in Costa Rica. Two little towns in Spain are without American consuls now, but as the total compensation of these consulates is only \$100 a year, collected in fees, they are not counted strictly as vacancies.

The consular bureau of the State Department, although small, is efficiently organized. Its operations are extensive and effective, comparing favorably with foreign consular bureaus. Wilbur J. Carr, chief of this bureau, is an experienced official, having a wide knowledge of the exigencies of the service.

Frederic Emory, chief of the bureau of foreign commerce of the State Department, is daily improving his system of publication of consular reports. Of late he has adopted the plan of devoting each daily edition to a single subject. Some of the recent reports have concerned automobiles and motor-cycles.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

There has been much discussion recently as to whether there is a "Seal of the Army of the United States," and requests for a statement on this point have been submitted to the War Department. An impression prevails that what is known as the "Seal of the War Department" is also the "Seal of the Army." The department holds that this is not the case. There never has been a "Seal of the United States Army," and the seal used by the War Department is merely the stamp of executive authority used distinctly apart from the military service.

PATENT OFFICE.

W. W. Townsend, examiner in charge of pneumatics, has scores of rejected applications for airships in his possession. Mr. Townsend does not grant patents for these machines unless their specifications show a balloon attachment. Sometimes patents are granted for "airships" that simply show wings and no motor or balloon. These are for amusement purposes only. Many cranks enter Mr. Townsend's room with models, etc., but when they are asked whether their proposed inventions are "new and useful" they become more or less uneasy and leave.

Yesterday Commissioner Allen granted to John B. Blish, U. S. N., a patent for an instrument for navigating and surveying. The application was filed November 16, 1900, and there is no model on exhibition in the office. The inventor obtained six claims on his patent, the first one being "in an instrument of the character described, the combination, with an eye-tube arranged for the observer to see ahead of him, of a prism and reflecting surfaces so arranged as to simultaneously cast images of objects in rear of the observer into said eye-tube, substantially as described."

The office will issue on Tuesday next 501 patents, 15 designs, 48 trade-marks, 27 labels, 2 prints, and no reissues, making a total of 594.

Yesterday Commissioner Allen gave out certificates of allowance for seven patents to citizens of the city, one to an inventor of Hawaii Territory, and three to inhabitants of Oklahoma Territory.

The old familiar sign of "elevator not running" was again in evidence yesterday on the door of the new elevator. As an attorney remarked: "Old friends are always welcome, but when they become familiar—that settles it. It's the same way with that sign."

Commissioner Allen has recently given out decisions in eleven appeal cases. The subject of one case was an automobile, and it is an appeal from a decision of the examiner of interference denying a motion brought by the inventor to reopen the interference for the purpose of taking further testimony. The decision of the examiner of interference was affirmed. Applications for patents on automobiles and automobile attachments have been numerous in the office during the past year, and they are still on the increase.

A patent was recently issued to Julio E. Cordovez, of Panama, Colombia, for a "lightning arrester."

PENSION OFFICE.

Commissioner Eugene F. Ware publishes the fact that \$96,445,444.23 was paid out for pensions by the United States from July 1, 1790 to June 30, 1865. The total amount paid as pensions from 1866 to June 30, 1902, has been \$2,500,000, \$64,301.45. Of this amount, \$70,000,000 (estimated) was taken up by the Revolutionary war, \$45,025,227 by the war of 1812; \$5,814,206.53 by the Indian wars, 1832-42; \$31,861,337.57 by the war of Mexico, \$2,744,878,276.16 by the war of the rebellion, and \$3,275,184.10 by the war with Spain.

If every one of the inhabitants of Africa, Asia, Europe, North and South America, and Oceania were each given \$2, the total would about be equal to the money paid by this country in pensions.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

The Superintendent of the Military Academy at West Point has recommended to the Secretary of War that a committee consisting of a civil engineer, forester, and landscape architect be appointed to draw up a general scheme of management of the military reservation. This tract consists of about 2,500 acres, of which 2,000 acres are wooded lands, of which it is capable. The trees cut down will find a very good market as cord wood, telegraph poles, etc., and will most likely prove a source of revenue to the bureau. The report will be completed in about three weeks.

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The Kind You Have Always Bought

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Celestials arriving in Canada are practicing an old scheme to gain admission to the United States by crossing the border line and then surrendering to authorities. Upon trial they secure witnesses from New York or San Francisco who swear that the prisoner was born in this country. Another means by which they endeavor to get here is that of a false manifest. Certificates signed by Felix McGottick, former district commissioner in northern Vermont, have been distributed, which are presented to the inspectors who confront the wily Mongolians when they make their dash for the "Land of Liberty."

Commissioner Wells, in northern New York, discovered that these documents were not judgments entitling the bearer to legal residence in the United States. The authorities have been informed to arrest or rearrest any Chinaman showing such a paper. In some cases it has been found that false certificates have been sold to Chinamen for \$150 each.

H. Giovinetti, private secretary to Mr. Yerkes, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, published a story in the January number of the "Apprentice's Magazine," entitled "A Bull Mountain Pastoral."

Mr. Irvine, the "lone fisherman" of the internal revenue department, reports the landing of the largest bass in his experience. The fish weighed five and three-quarter pounds.

Interest is renewed in the bill which passed the Senate last year providing for "The Department of Commerce and Labor." In the early part of the winter it will be discussed in the House of Representatives. Beyond the speculation about the possible new Cabinet office for the commerce department, the bill is of peculiar interest to officials of the Treasury because under the provisions of the bill, the life-saving Service, the Lighthouse Service, the Marine Hospital Service, the Steamboat Inspection Service, the Bureau of Navigation, the United States Shipping Commissioners, the Bureau of Immigration, the Bureau of Statistics, and the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey are to be withdrawn from the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Treasury. England has her board of trade; France, her ministry of commerce; Prussia, her ministry of commerce and industry. All of the principal commercial bodies throughout this country have commented on the bill. George B. Cortelyou, private secretary to the President, was prominently mentioned last year for the new Cabinet portfolio in case it is created.

Deputy Robert Williams, of the internal revenue, has been traveling in the West. He returned to his desk in the department today.

POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT.

The chief topic of conversation among the employees of the Postoffice Department yesterday was the order of Postmaster General Payne, which was to the effect that hereafter during his incumbency married women living with their husbands would not be allowed to hold positions in the department. The opinions expressed were many and varied. One young woman clerk who started to explain what she thought was the injustice of the order was stopped by the amused expression upon the faces of her companions.

"No," she explained, in confusion, "I am not contemplating matrimony, and if I were the first requisite I would demand for my husband would be ability to provide for me."

Second Assistant Postmaster General Shillenger is in Boston. He will return to Washington the latter part of the week.

COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY.

W. B. Fairfield, John Nelson, H. F. Flynn, and W. C. Dibrell, assistants, Coast and Geodetic Survey, will leave Washington in the near future for San Francisco, where they are to sail December 2 for the Philippine Islands. They have been ordered by Superintendent Tittmann to report to G. R. Putnam, director of the Coast and Geodetic Survey in the Philippines for duty. William Bourne, assistant, will join the party on January 1.

The annual report of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, now in course of preparation, is to be sent to Congress in December.

Officials of the Coast and Geodetic Survey are preparing to install on the steamer Blake, which sails for Porto Rico about January 1, the instruments necessary for making observations on the variations of the compass, the magnetic dip, and the intensity of the magnetic force of the sea. In view of the fact that no observations have been obtained by which to correct the magnetic charts since the introduction of iron ships half a century ago this work is of much importance to mariners.

The Blake is a wooden vessel, and is, therefore, adapted for making the proposed survey. The principal magnetic instrument to be used is an improved form of the old Fox dip circle, used for many years in obtaining magnetic observations at sea. It was used by Captain Ross on his ships Erebus and Terror on his memorable expedition to the Antarctic region in the fourth decade of the last century. The present form of instrument is known as the Lloyd-Creak dip circle, and is one of the three instruments made especially for this work under the supervision of Captain Creak, for many years in charge of the compass department of the British admiralty. One of these instruments was supplied to the English Antarctic ship Discovery, another to the German Antarctic ship Gauss, and the third to the Coast and Geodetic Survey. Orders for additional instruments have been placed by the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

Dr. Norman Roberts has been promoted from the class giving him a salary of \$840 to a class giving him \$900 in place of Frank M. Young, who has been transferred to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

NAVY DEPARTMENT.

Harry C. Gauss, Secretary Moody's confidential secretary, who was formerly assistant enrolling clerk of the House of Representatives, is a peculiarly useful man to his chief in more ways than one. Mr. Gauss understands the politics of the sixth district of Massachusetts, which Mr. Moody so long represented, better than anyone else in the State. His brother is the proprietor of one of the leading newspapers of the district. In methods of expression and forms of speech, Mr. Gauss bears a striking resemblance to George Ade, his phrase and conveying a touch of satire, and have the ring of humor of the celebrated fable writer. In more serious writing, Mr. Gauss possesses marked abilities. A recent article from his pen on the slipshod methods pursued at the Capitol in the enrolling of bills, attracted much attention among students of parliamentary questions. He recently accompanied Secretary Moody on his South Carolina tour.

Vincent C. Myrhorffer, who presides over the eastern portal of the State, War, and Navy Department, is a sturdy Vermont, and for twenty-two years was the proprietor of a hotel at the top of the second highest mountain in New England. Nearly all of the Senators and other public men of Vermont, from Edmunds down, were guests at his establishment, and so when Mr. Proctor was Secretary of War, Mr. Myrhorffer, who had tired of the hotel business, had no trouble in getting a pleasant position in the National Capitol.

One of the most enterprising young men in the Bureau of Construction and Repair of the Navy is John Wells Browning, Jr. He is one of the most rapid stenographers in Washington. He began his career, after leaving the High School, in one of the newspaper offices here at a small salary. His abilities soon outgrew the needs of the position and he had no trouble in passing such a civil service examination that he was admitted to the Government service, where his promotion has been rapid.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

In discussing the result of the year's work in Alaska, from which place he has recently returned, R. C. Schrader, who has been conducting the work of the Geological Survey there for the past six years, says: "It is certain that on the south side of the main mountain range the mineral deposits of the Copper River Valley will warrant the construction of railroads, and time and actual mining development work may warrant the extension of such roads to the headwaters of the Copper and the Tanana. Further exploitation of the region north of the range will doubtless settle this question."

"It may add in conclusion that the most gratifying result of our work is the satisfaction given by the maps we prepare. They are Government documents, of course. The miners—the men actually on the ground—tell me they find these maps remarkably accurate; that they are of incalculable service to them in their exploration and search of the country for gold and other mineral deposits."

Arthur Keith has returned to this city from the Southern Appalachian region in North Carolina and Tennessee. He finished important investigations in the geology of that region upon which the Survey has been at work for years. The geology in this region is as involved and difficult as in any part of the country and required much detailed work. Mr. Keith is at present engaged in preparing his report.

John M. Irving has left his work in the Park City mining district of Utah to go on leave of absence until the spring. He will then fill the chair of geology at the University of Wyoming for this scholastic year.

"Action of Ammonium Chloride upon Silicates" is the title of a bulletin just published by F. W. Clarke and George Steiger, of the Geological Survey.

LOCAL MENTION.

D. Lee's Books, "What Was His Duty?" and "Kith and Kin" are particularly suitable for Christmas gifts. Bright, original, wholesome, and tastefully bound, these stories invariably please young men and women. The Neale Publishing Company, 431 Eleventh Street.

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PLAN TO MAKE CAPE MAY SECOND NEWPORT

Syndicate Formed and May Spend \$20,000,000

CAPE MAY, N. J., Nov. 26.—Twenty million dollars of New York, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh capital, it is said, is back of the syndicate which is now buying land, taking options and securing franchises in and about Cape May with a view of developing it and making out of it a second Newport.

In the syndicate are said to be George Gould and Henry C. Frick, but this is denied. Mr. Gould's attorney has been looking over the lands which the syndicate has purchased. The known men in the enterprise are Charles Fitzgerald and Samuel Shields, of Pittsburgh; Anthony M. Zane, of Philadelphia, and Representative Frank G. Edwards, of Bristol, Pa., but they are all agents of the real promoters of the enterprise. The records show that \$215,000 has been expended by the syndicate so far. This includes no sum for improvements contemplated. Four months ago Mr. Zane, for the syndicate, took title to the East Cape May beach front, covering an ocean frontage of two miles. He also took title to the meadow lands of Dr. Emlen Physick and the Bennett estate in the rear of the beach, for which \$22,600 was paid. Adjoining this the syndicate also had options on the immense strip of farm land between it and the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia and Reading Railroads.

The syndicate has recently secured for about \$90,000 the stock and bonds of the Cape May Electric Light Company, which supplies the public lighting of the municipality, and which has a contract to light the resort for four years. On Friday, Mr. Fitzgerald is to take charge of the plant.

In the name of Zane, the syndicate has also filed in the office of the county clerk here an option to purchase from the Ocean Villa Land Company the two-mile beach for \$70,000.

It is asserted that the syndicate has secured from members of Congress from Pennsylvania and New Jersey a promise to help to secure an appropriation for the deepening of the channel of Cold Spring Inlet. Several cottages and a hotel, the latter to cost \$150,000 are to be built.

SAGE'S FARM SOLD FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES

Located at Nyack, New York, and Was Bought in by County for \$47, Amount Due.

NYACK, N. Y., Nov. 25.—A farm belonging to Russell Sage, the millionaire, was sold at public sale in Rockland county for non-payment of taxes yesterday. It brought \$47, the amount of taxes due, and was bought in by the county. The farm contains 100 acres, and is situated at Sackettstown. It is occupied by E. C. M. Rand, Mr. Sage's confidential railroad man.

Rand bought the farm some years ago and Sage held a mortgage on it. Rand failed to pay the interest and Sage foreclosed the mortgage. Mr. Sage can redeem the farm.

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MADE FRESHMAN DRINK FROM NURSING BOTTLE

His Fellow-Victim Sang Lullaby During Rite.

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., Nov. 26.—The residents of Chester Hills, at Mount Vernon, were treated to a novel sight yesterday afternoon, when a dozen sophomores of the New York University brought two freshmen, Williams and Latimer, to this city and hazed them in the streets.

Williams and Latimer were compelled to stand on their heads on the station platform, while the crowd alighted from the train. After this they were compelled to don masquerade suits and march in the middle of the streets. Williams was made to repeat "I am I," while Latimer followed behind exclaiming "I am the other one!"

Nursing bottles were given to the freshmen, and they had to go to grocers and have them filled. Then Williams sat upon Latimer's lap and drank from a bottle, while Latimer sang a lullaby. After that they were made to climb telegraph poles, make speeches from the top and give cheers for the class of '05.

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